

BLACKBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1940.

Chairman of the Council ... A. E. Troop, Esq., J.P.
Vice-Chairman H. Ryden, Esq.

COUNCILLORS.

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Councillor.</u>
Balderstone	T. A. Simm.
Billington	Rev. D. W. Holt. (Resigned 3rd May, 1940.) A. E. Troop, J.P. (Elected 29th June, 1940.)
Clayton-le-Dale	J. Ainsworth.
Dinckley	J. W. Brewer.
Eccleshill	D. Smith, J.P.
Livesey	W. Grimshaw. (Died 1st November, 1940.) G. Harwood. (Elected 14th December, 1940.)
Mellor	E. L. Heyworth, J.P.
Osbaldeston	A. F. Walsh.
Pleasington	R. Yates.
Ramsgreave	T. Abbott.
Salesbury	W. H. Widders.
Tockholes	E. Miller.
Wilpshire	H. Ryden.
Yate and Pickup Bank	J. Yates, J.P.

STAFF OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health	C. M. Bradley, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.
Assistant Medical Officer of Health	T. J. Burke, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Sanitary and Meat Inspector	A. W. Craven, M.S.I.A., Cert. Meat Inspector.
Clerk (Health Department)	D. A. Love (temporary to 15th June, 1940.) J. K. Hunt (commenced duties 24th June, 1940.)

45, King Street,
Blackburn.
August, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Blackburn Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

As was the case for last year, this Report is in the nature of an interim one and will be confined to essentials only.

Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area in Acres	19,472.
Population, Census 1931	11,232.
Estimated Population, End of 1940	12,400.✓
Number of Inhabited Houses, Census 1931	2,827.
- do - 1940, according to Rate Books	3,324.✓

Rateable Value	£68,046.
Estimated Product of ld Rate	£262.

The social conditions and the general industries in the area are cotton-spinning and weaving, papermaking, brickmaking and agriculture. There is no evidence that the war has exerted any influence over the health of the inhabitants of the District, either due to long hours or any other causes; there was only one small outbreak of Measles which was of any note.

General Provision of Health Services.

There have been no changes or developments during the year and the war has not exercised any influence on ambulance facilities, and they remain exactly as stated in the report for 1938.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

Some informal action has been taken with a view to the improvement of various supplies.

During the year a piped supply was installed from a spring at Top o' th' Meadow, Pickup Bank to supply the central part.

The main owned by the Blackburn Corporation was extended from Longsight Road, Salesbury to Park Gate Farm.

Drainage and Sewerage.

General maintenance work only was carried out.

Closet Accommodation.

Privy Middens	Nil
Pail Closets	780
Fresh Water Closets	2,300
Waste Water Closets	81
Number of Moveable Ashbins	1,860
Number of Dry Ashpits	85

There were no privy conversions during the year.

Public Cleansing.

The service was extended during the year to include a further portion of Balderstone Parish.

The following summarises the amounts collected during the year :-

<u>Visits to Premises</u>	<u>Pans Emptied</u>	<u>Bins Emptied</u>	<u>Loads</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>Q.</u>
96,298	33,998	75,030	2,152	1,902	1	0

Salvage.

During the year the salvage scheme was working fairly well and the undermentioned articles were sold :-

<u>Material.</u>	<u>Quantity.</u>			<u>Approx. Value.</u>	
	<u>T.</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>
Paper	41	1	0	151	0
Tins and light iron	25	13	87	25	15
Heavy Scrap Iron	10	15	28	30	0
Aluminium		1	53	3	0
Lead			56		10
Copper and Brass		2	4	2	0
Glass Bottles	2	12	0	5	0
Jam jars		5	0	1	5
Textiles (Rags)		10	70	3	5
Total	81	1	74	221	15

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of Premises Visited	228
Defects or Nuisances Discovered	31
Number Abated	27
Number of Notices Served (Informal)	16
Number of Statutory Notices Served	2

All the usual routine inspections were carried out regarding nuisances, Schools, factories, tents, vans, sheds etc.

Housing.

Housing conditions are fairly good, though some action is required when circumstances permit.

One or two cases of overcrowding have been caused by the influx of unofficial evacuees.

There were no new houses erected during the year under revision.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

Inspection of dairy premises was continued throughout the year. Some improvements were effected; the shippens of four dairy farms were completely remodelled and new dairies erected.

Meat and Other Foods.

All carcasses are inspected immediately after slaughter.

The tables below give lists of the animals inspected and the amount of meat surrendered for destruction.

Animals Inspected.

Oxen	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Swine
5	52	14	108	56

Meat and Offal Surrendered.

Beef:-

Tuberculosis	2,156 lbs.
Actinomycosis	30
Total	<u>2,186 lbs.</u>

Pork:-

Tuberculosis	134 lbs.
Uraemia	65
Total	<u>199 lbs.</u>

Mutton:-

Pneumonia	36 lbs.
Septicaemia	18
Oedaema	18
Total	<u>72 lbs.</u>

Offal:-

Tuberculosis	515 lbs.
Distomatosis	130
Mastitis	61
Peritonitis	54
Pneumonia	24
Uraemia	24
Necrosis	16
Septicaemia	10
Oedaema	10
Indurated Udders	10
Fatty Degeneration	8
Total	<u>862 lbs.</u>

Total of all Meat and Offal Surrendered.

Tuberculosis	2,805 lbs.
Distomatosis	130
Uraemia	89
Mastitis	61
Pneumonia	60
Peritonitis	54
Septicaemia	36
Actinomycosis	30
Oedaema	20
Necrosis	16
Indurated Udders	10
Fatty Degeneration	8
Total	<u>3,319</u> lbs.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases.

One small outbreak of Measles occurred in the Billington and Langho districts during the year. The Roman Catholic School was closed for a short period and the outbreak subsided. Otherwise most of the cases were few and sporadic.

A much larger number of infectious diseases and particularly Dysentery was notified from an Institution within the District; these are of course included in the following figures.

Notifications of Infectious Diseases.

Disease	Total cases at all ages	Years													Cases admitted to Hospital	Total number of Deaths
		under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & over			
Scarlet Fever	13	-	-	1	-	-	9	2	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	
Diphtheria	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	
Enteric Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Measles	140	1	1	9	8	11	66	15	15	11	1	2	-	-	-	
Whooping Cough	7	1	-	2	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pneumonia	20	-	-	1	3	-	4	1	2	3	-	5	1	1	5	
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dysentery	75	-	-	1	4	9	36	10	7	7	1	-	-	-	-	
Erysipelas	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	1	-	
TOTAL:-	265	2	1	14	18	20	116	29	28	23	4	8	2	10	5	

Tuberculosis : New Cases and Mortality.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10 - 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25 years	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
25 - 35 years	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35 - 45 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 years	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 - 65 years	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Over 65 years	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL:-	4	-	2	2	3	2	-	-

Diphtheria Immunisation.

A scheme for the immunisation of children against Diphtheria was commenced during the earlier months of the year, and sessions were held at various Schools throughout the District. The response at first was rather poor, although considerable publicity was given to the scheme. However, the figures improved somewhat towards the end of the year, and the following children were immunised :-

	Number immunised.	Prophylactics used.
Pre-School Children	55	A.P.T. Wellcome and Parke Davis and Co.
School Children	371	- as above -
Over School Age	Nil	-
TOTAL :-	426	

